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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

Our mission at the Kershaw County Chamber of Commerce is “to create and support an environment in which business can flourish in Kershaw County”. We advocate for the many top quality businesses that are members of our Chamber and strive to enrich the community as a whole by doing so.

Our organization recognizes the vast importance of mobile broadband technology to businesses, especially those in more rural parts of the country like Kershaw County. With mobile broadband, business owners can access market information in real-time, transfer pertinent information with suppliers and customers, and stay in contact with employees and associates. Mobile broadband can improve operations for all types of companies across all industries, but connections must be fast and reliable.

The merger of AT&T and T-Mobile will result in high quality mobile broadband service becoming available to rural areas across the country. Once the merger is completed, the companies will have the necessary resources and capital to invest in a 4G mobile broadband network that will offer service to over 97 percent of Americans. The Kershaw County Chamber of Commerce supports this transaction because it is the most sensible way of ensuring that our businesses and community have access to the most up-to-date mobile broadband technology.

Our organization respectfully requests that the Commission approve the AT&T/T-Mobile merger upon completion of the review process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Liz Horton'.

Liz Horton
Executive Director
Kershaw County Chamber of Commerce

Cc: Senator Lindsey Graham
Senator Jim DeMint
Congressman Mick Mulvaney
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn